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Don, D.	1918	8	Empey, R.	1924	4	Fraser, D.	1923	1
Gale, J.	1924	3	Hall, C.	1907	1	Harley, F.	1915	15
Harrison, J.	1923	7	Hayes, D.	1922	17	Hilton, C.	1923	13
Hilton, M.	1917	18	Huggard, F.	1920	2	Kaythan, M.	1920	2
Mazzuca, J.	1924	3	Millat, K.	1924	5	Minogue, D.	1920	16
Morris, M.	1921	17	McCaskill, R.	1923	17	Nolan, A.	1923	15
Plimsoll, M.	1920	13	Osmond, F.	1922	3	Rees, M.	1923	3
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McIntosh, N.	1920	19	Osmond, K.	1922	7	Pollock, H.	1923	2
Reid, R.	1924	7	Rudolph, G.	1923	19	Rush, K.	1923	1
Rowe, J.	1924	2	Spain, J.	1923	18	Smith, J.	1917	19

with a just feeling of pride that your Committee presents to you its 1924 Annual Report and Balance Sheet. ...the "Reform Committee's" election to office, various promises were made to you re the strengthening of the ...nd rectification of general Club matters. We now claim, with your approval we feel sure, that the said ...ses were fulfilled to the letter.

The season opened disastrously, for when in a winning position in the first game against South Melbourne Joe ...rison had the ill-luck to break his ankle. That was the first of many misfortunes, for no less than thirteen players ...re more or less seriously injured in the remaining games. However, difficulties are made to be overcome. Four ...atches played, four matches down, and Members were downcast. Then followed a sequence of victories that ...hrilled all, finally culminating in the apparently impossible—a position in the first four, the vanquishing of the premier team in the final game, and the winning of the runners-up title. The altered system of playing finals, adopted at the close of last season, rendered it imperative that your club gain victory in the final by 39 points, in order to contest a grand-final game. The handicap was too great, but at the ringing of the last bell victory lay with your team to the extent of 20 points; thus the position of runners-up was won. The season's peculiar finish, one which is not likely to occur again in the annals of League Football, was sized up in the "Argus" by "Old Boy" as follows:—"The 1924 Premiership was a barren one indeed." Opportunity is here taken of again placing on record, without discriminating, the wonderful resourcefulness and determination displayed by players throughout the year. Outstanding events were the disqualifications of Don and Maxfield and the Collingwood protest against the playing of McCaskill and McIsaac. Summarised, the team's performances for Season 1924 should long live in the memories of privileged members as the greatest on record. It might here be stated that it was the intention of the Executive to give in the present Report an interesting and concise review of the Club's achievements since its entry to the League; but, unfortunately, no records have been kept in the past other than for short periods.

Richmond League Seconds.—The "Cubs" again reached the "big four," but failed to improve their position in the final games. As usual, your Committee treated them generously. The club still continues to find players who, upon promotion, at once make good their position in senior ranks. Messrs. A. Larsen (president), B. Goullett (hon. secretary), T. Bayliss (coach) and J. Doran (captain) deserve the sincere thanks of your Committee for their unremitting energy. We heartily congratulate them upon the Club's sound position.

Richmond Cricket Club.—The good "brother" relationship still exists between your Club and the foregoing. As is well known your Committee in September last received a tempting offer to transfer Club headquarters to the Melbourne Carnivals ground. The question was given the lengthy and serious consideration that it merited. Your Committee debated the matter from a football standpoint solely, and the cricket officials readily acknowledged our right to do so. After a conference between Messrs. J. H. Archer, H. L. Roberts and P. Page (representing the R.F.C.) and Messrs. E. J. Cotter, M.L.A., E. H. King, J Macdermott, D. Donnelly and McConchie (representing the R.C.C.), an agreement favorable to your Club was drawn up. The promised improvements to the ground, too, have materialised. We congratulate the Cricket Club in acceding to the requests of the Football Club representatives. The R.F.C. decision to remain on the ground will be welcomed. We again have to thank the R.C.C. for a liberal donation. It would indeed be ill-fitting if mention was not made of the wonderful improvement of both the First and Second Elevens teams during the present season.

Ladies' Social Committee.—Much could be written of the many onerous duties performed by the Ladies' Committee under the direction of Mrs Weinert (hon. secretary). The many socials, club ball and smoke-night would have been indeed "tame" only for their energies. In slight appreciation of their season's work, an outing to Fern Tree Gully was given them by your Committee on Sunday, February 1.

Club Trip and Socials.—In July, during the bye vacation, your team was taken to Wonthaggi for a week-end trip, and a very enjoyable time was spent in the prosperous coal-mining town. The match against the Wonthaggi Combined District displayed the high standard of football attained in this centre. Many functions were given in the Club's honor, and right royal they were. The trip to the "depths below" via the eastern tunnel will long be remembered by those who risked the venture. The Club sports was a feature of the week-end. Our thanks for a most successful trip, enjoyed by all, is due to Messrs. S. Abraham (president) and W. Pike (secretary), Wonthaggi Football Association, and many other genial townspeople. Numerous other entertainments were given during the season, included in which were the Annual Ball, Smoke Night, Socials (6), Theatre Parties (2), "per favor of Mr. L. Kennon on one occasion, and the Club Vice-Presidents (Messrs. Gosch, Kennon, Mitchell, Roberts, Stanley and Stewart) on the other, with delectable supper," and char-a-banc trip to Warrandyte, "per favor of Mr. H. Dyke." To Vice-President Mitchell is due the thanks of the Committee and Players for his highly successful and untiring efforts as social secretary and for his management of the above referred to functions.

Donors.—Practical interest has been shown in the Club by the receipt of donations from numerous ladies, gentlemen and firms. The committee acknowledges with hearty thanks the various amounts received, and trusts that the Club may merit the honor of their continued support. Members of Committee presented each player with £1 for splendid victory against Collingwood.

Delegates.—Messrs. H. L. Roberts and P. Page were elected delegates to the League. Their responsible duties were faithfully carried out, to the complete satisfaction of your Committee.

Training Staff and Honorary Officials.—Mr. E. Saunders was at the head of a competent training staff, who spared no effort to keep the team fit. Dr. Rosenberg (with his unfailing attention), Mr. B. Nolan (hon. solicitor), Mr. W. Baker (timekeeper), Mr. D. Beck (masseur), Mr. W. Driver (first aid), Mr. A. Larson (shampooer), Mr. W. Bicknell, Mr. H. J. Gill (press correspondents), and numerous others worked hard in the interests of Club throughout the season. Your Committee tenders them its grateful thanks.

Captain, Vice-Captain and Coach—The greatly improved form shown by your team is due in no small manner to the able leadership and capable coaching of Mr. D. Minogue, whose services in these important offices cannot be too highly recognised. Mr. M. Morris, as vice-captain, once again proved an efficient and popular lieutenant.

Prizes to Players.—As an incentive to regular training your Committee, at the start of the season, put aside a sum of £21 for training prizes. The following players did not miss one night, and will therefore at the Annual Meeting receive prizes of £3 each:—Messrs. J. Gale, D. Hayes, G. Hislop, N. McIntosh, J. Smith, G. Rudolph and E. Taylor. The Limerick Club prize of £3/3/- will be divided between Messrs. E. Bourke J. Harrison and J. Spain, who each missed one night only. A medal donated by the Clifton Joseph Mfg. Co. Pty. Ltd. for the season's most improved player has been awarded to A. MacIsaac.

Footballers' Cricket Club—The long extinct club was, with unparalleled success, revived during the summer months. The "Tigers" and Cubs'" match, played at Fern Tree Gully, was the event of the year. Keith Millar's inclusion in the Victorian Eleven, upon which we congratulate him, was due, we consider, entirely to the coaching received in our ranks. At time of going to press we have scored 1908 runs for the loss of 101 wickets (average, 18.9) and secured 120 wickets for 1094 runs (average 9.1). Altogether twelve matches have been played, eleven having been won and one lost (10 runs).

Life Membership.—By virtue of his ten years' playing service, Frank Harley has been unanimously elected a life member of the club. It is a just reward for his sterling services as general utility player, he having filled every position in the team at some time or other. A similar honor has been bestowed upon Mr. J. Watson (assistant head trainer), who, for 27 years past, has well and truly served your club, for some years as player and committeeman, and for a long period as trainer.

Flat Rate System of Payment to Players.—The greatest innovation in the history of the Club was the introduction of the Flat Rate System of Payment to Players. This was "fathered" by your League delegate, Mr. H. L. Roberts, and has proved a wonderful success. While one or two players who had been receiving "star" money had to submit to reduced emoluments, the great majority reaped the benefit of "equal pay for equal play."

Members' Roll.—Another innovation re-introduced by your committee is a members' roll. This will put an end to the abuse of the ballot box.

Retirements.—After completing five years' highly meritorious service with the "Tigers," Norm. McIntosh decided to return home to Western Australia to rejoin his father in business. He was given a "send off" at the smoke social held in the Club rooms in November last, and his certificate and carnival photos. presented to him. We wish him all success. Before leaving Norman denied to your President and Secretary he made a statement that his reason for returning was of the treatment he received from the Committee. It was solely owing to business transactions. For this reason his clearance was granted. Committeemen Hughie James and Norman Turnbull have regretfully notified their inability to nominate for office for the coming season, both owing to business reasons. Although their experience gained as players will be missed it will not be lost, as they have signified their ...Bdy willingness to devote as much time as possible in furthering the interests of their club. Mr. A. Aarons, ...10. will not seek re-election. He has been an official for ... years and has done ...od work for the Club.

[illegible] the position (at the bottom of the list) occupied by the Club the previous season. On the other hand, expenditure has been heavy; although your Committee has tried to emulate the "Inimitable Scotchman." it must be borne in mind that the expense of re-organisation was heavy. The loss on the final games (over £350 less dividend to each club), the extra expenses incurred by being in the "four," the abnormal number of players injured, and the introduction of a weekly payment of £4/10/- insurance, in addition to the flat rate amount, to those players prevented from following their employment, caused deep inroads upon the revenue.

Long Service Recognitions.—Last year saw the completion of Vic. Thorp's fifteenth successive season with the colors, likewise Frank Harley's tenth season. Five years' service was also completed by the following:—Messrs. F. Huggard, J. Karthaus, N. McIntosh, D. Minogue and E. Taylor. At the Annual Meeting all will receive certificates, value according to length of service, for their patriotism to the Club, whilst Vic. Thorp and Frank Harley will also receive honorariums of £15/15/- and £10/10/- respectively. Filled with an ardent love for the game, both these players have rendered herculean service to Richmond.

LIFE MEMBERS.

The list now stands as follows:—J. Charles, 1885; J. Eastman, 1896; J. J. Stewart, 1897; A. Elder, 1898; J. H. Egan, 1899; W. J. Bicknell, 1902; C. Backhouse, 1904; A. McNair, 1905; G. R. P. Beachcroft, 1906; A. Edmonds, 1908; A. A. Manzie, 1909; C. Whitaker, 1910; J. H. Archer, W. A. Maybury, 1912; A. Tietgens, 1914; G. McIntosh, 1915; J. H. James, 1915; R. T. Kelly, W. H. Lohse (1916), B. V. Herbert, P. H. Maybury, 1917; S. W. Reeves, V. C Thorp 1919; C. H. Hall, D. Henry, 1920; A. Aarons, T. Delaney, 1921; A. J. Bettles, B. Goodwin, 1922; F. V. Hughes, A. Wood, 1923. F. Harley, J. Watson, 1924.

GENERAL.

Next season will see three new clubs—Footscray, Hawthorn and North Melbourne—in League ranks, and the scrapping of the "old district scheme." We congratulate these three clubs upon their well merited promotion.

Your Committee organised a concert, which took place in the Town Hall on January 28, 1925, in aid of the Mayoress of Richmond's charity appeal, and, as a result, approximately £20 will be handed to the Mayoress and her committee. The success achieved was due to the numerous artists who gave their services gratuitously. Messrs. H. Dyke, O. Mitchell and P. Page handled all arrangements.

The "Sporting Globe" again conducted a competition for the best footballers in each part of the field. Vic Thorp easily secured the vote for the best back player, Norm. McIntosh won the centre position player, whilst Doug. Hayes was runner-up for the best rover. We tender our congratulations to these players upon their success.

Your Committee this season inaugurated a permanent testimonial fund for players who render extra long service to Richmond. Through the kindness of Messrs. C. E. Waters and A. Beckerley and various Club officials—(see donation list—other than cash), an amount of £76/12/9 was raised. Messrs. C. Hall, H. James and V. Thorp have been voted £20 each, and Mr. B. Herbert £10, respectively, from the total. It is expected that Committees will apportion an amount to this fund each year.

From the Permanent Accident Fund (trustees, Messrs. J. H. Archer, D. Minogue and S. Thomas) Mr. E. Taylor received a sum of £40. The cruel blow he received in the final match against South Melbourne has, members will be sorry to learn, caused his retirement as a playing member.

The Globe and National Theatres Cup (value £15/15/-), presented by A. Beckerley, Esq., for the most popular player and adjudged by members' vote, was won by Vic. Thorp, with Doug. Hayes and Jimmy Smith a close second and third respectively. The cup, suitably inscribed has been presented to the winner. The Committee's thanks and congratulations are hereby respectively extended to Mr. Beckerley for his generosity and to Vic. upon his success.

It is with sincere regret we announce the death of Mr. W. Malone, who in 1900 was made a life member. As a vice-president, at that time, he was an ardent worker for your Club. We tender our deep sympathy to Mrs. Malone and family.

PROSPECTS FOR 1925 SEASON.

Prospects for another successful season are promising, albeit two of your leading players, unfortunately, will not again be seen in the colors. We refer to Norm. McIntosh and Ernie Taylor (whose injury in the finals necessitated his retirement). Your Committee has not been idle, and numerous aspirants for these and other positions have been located. It is felt that members may with confidence look forward to the coming season.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES.

The following Club players were chosen to represent Victoria:—

Carnival at Hobart, August 6-16:—Messrs. N. McIntosh and V. Thorp.
South Australia (Melbourne), August 9.—Messrs. D. Hayes, G. Rudolph and J. Spain.
South Australia (Adelaide), August 16:—Messrs. D. Hayes, G. Rudolph and J. Spain.
New South Wales (Sydney), August 9:—Messrs. R. McCaskill and M. Morris.
New South Wales (Melbourne), August 16.—Messrs. R. McCaskill and M. Morris. (McCaskill was unable to play in Melbourne match.)
Ballarat (Ballarat), August 9.—Messrs. E. Bourke, M. Hislop and K. Osmond.
Bendigo (Bendigo), August 16:—Messrs. J. Harrison, F. Harley, J. Smith and E. Taylor.

HOW THE CLUBS FINISHED.

First Round.

	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	For.	Agst.	Pts.
Essendon	11	1	4	1207	918	46
South Melbourne	11	—	5	1131	971	44
Fitzroy	10	—	6	1224	1092	40
Richmond	10	—	6	1083	1056	40
Geelong	8	—	8	1116	1040	32
Collingwood	8	—	8	1089	1134	32
Carlton	5	1	10	1134	1228	22
Melbourne	4	—	12	1042	1252	16
St. Kilda	4	—	12	1045	1380	16

Second Round.

	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	For.	Agst.	Pts.
Essendon	2	—	1	177	124	8
Richmond	2	—	1	208	180	8
Fitzroy	1	—	2	167	200	4
South Melbourne	1	—	2	182	230	4

ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

General Committee.—President—J. H. Archer, 23. Vice-Presidents—W. H. Gosch, 30; L. Kennon (sick leave), 6; O. Mitchell, 28; H. L. Roberts, 30; J. R. Stanley, 30; D. Stewart, 25.

Committee.—Messrs. A. Bettles (elected 17/6/24), 13; W. Burns (resigned 17/6/24), 8; E. J. Fayle, 29; C. Hall, 26; W. Higginbotham, 30; H. James, 23; N. Turnbull (leave of absence), 6; T. Walker, 28.

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Second Eighteen's Representative.—Mr. B. Goullet, 23.

Treasurer—Mr. A. Aarons, 28. **Secretary.**—Mr. P. Page, 30.

Finance Committee.—Chairman—Mr. D. Stewart, 9; Messrs. A. Aarons, 13; C. Hall, 11; H. James, 11; P. Page, 13.

Match Committee.—Chairman—E. J. Fayle, 19; Messrs. C. Hall, 19; H. James, 19; D. Minogue, 19; M. Morris, 19; P. Page, 19.

DONATIONS (OTHER THAN CASH).

J. H. Archer, Esq., goods value £10/10/- and 18 hats to players value £18/18/-; Australian Knitting Mills, portion uniforms; A. Beckerley (National and Globe Theatres), silver cup value £15/15/-; Bosisto and Co., eucalyptus oil for season; Clifton Joseph Mfg. Co., gold medal; H. Dyke, Esq., char-a-banc trip expenses; Les. Kennon, Esq., laces for season and goods value £5/5/-; Limerick Club, training prize value £3/3/-; Richmond Cricket Club, complimentary membership players; Richmond Football Club, prizes for players training, £21; R. J. Stanley, Esq., goods value £2/2/-; D. Stewart, Esq., training essentials value £5/5/-; C. E. Waters, Esq., gramophone value £20; Wonthaggi Football Association, silver cup value £2/2/-.

GOAL-KICKERS.

M. Morris, 44; G. Rudolph, 19; D. Hayes, 18; E. Bourke 14; F. Harley, 14; K. Millar, 10; D. Don, 9; D. Min[illegible] 8; J. Barnett, 7; A. McIsaacs, 7; B. Smith, 6; E. Chalmers, 4; R. Empey, 4; E. Taylor, 2; G. Valentine, 2; J. M[illegible] 1; N. McIntosh, 1; R. Reid, 1; J. Rowe, 1. Total, 172 goals.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. H. ARCHER, President.

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